

Remarks

Independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to provide for the detachably latching means having a yieldably biased, transversely displaceable protuberance trippable upon engagement by one of the dipper and the arm member and receivable in a recess when the arm member is pivoted in either direction between the operative and inoperative positions. In this regard, it is submitted that the Kaczmarczyk et al patent neither discloses nor teaches any such structure. Instead, such reference discloses a structure and method for detachably mounting a bucket 14 on a coupler 28 of a front end loader which consists of maneuvering the coupler to receive mounting pins 46 of the bucket within recesses 38 in the upper end of the coupler, lifting the coupler with the pivotally attached bucket to cause the lower end of the bucket to swing towards the lower end of the coupler and thus causing pins 32 disposed at the lower end of the coupler to drip latch pins 54 provided on the bucket to secure the bucket on the coupler. In such structure, it is to be noted that it is not possible to detach the bucket from the coupler simply by pivoting the coupler about pins 46, away from the bucket. To provide such detachment, latch pins 54 must be retracted manually. In this regard, the Examiner's attention is invited to the text in column 6, lines 8-14 of Kaczmarczyk et al which state:

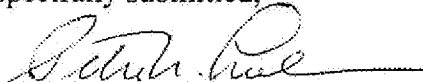
To detach the bucket 14 from the loader arms 22, the operator manually lifts the latch pins 54 to their unlatched positions and places the catch slots thereof in holding engagement with the upper tabs 56 by canting the pins in the direction of the adjacent one of the bucket plates 42, such canting causes the crosspins 74 to project through the adjacent elongate hole 76.

In view of the fact that the referenced patent discloses and teaches a latching mechanism totally different from the latching mechanism recited in Applicant's claims, it is submitted that the claims as amended clearly distinguish over such reference.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the rejection of claims 1-16 be withdrawn, such claims be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437.

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